

# Whites Chapel Cemetery Association

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## WHERE DID WE COME FROM AND WHERE ARE WE HEADING

Have you ever driven past our cemetery and asked yourself how my family chose to be buried here? As for myself I have several family members buried here, but realize there are not a lot of spaces left in the cemetery so I have burial spaces in another cemetery. Others of you have family plots and know where in the cemetery you or a family member will be buried. Then others drive by and never take notice of our little cemetery. For us who were raised around this area we have many memories of White's Chapel Cemetery, the Pleasant Hill Advent Christian Church, and the original Whites Chapel Methodist church with the tall white steeple still standing on the property. All of us can say "wow how the area has changed". But one consistent thought for us all, we have the memories where mom, dad, husband, wife or other family members are buried and we can be proud of our cemetery. I know for myself these memories will stay with me, and from the stories I hear from you they will stay with you as well. Although the people who make up our memories of White's Chapel will not change, we have made improvements to the cemetery property which are now part of our memories and have made the cemetery a better living memorial to our love ones.

In the last few years we have added a fence, seating benches, and trash cans. We've created a web site at [whiteschapelcemetery.org](http://whiteschapelcemetery.org) and our burial list and section map is being updated periodically. We now have a contact us page on the website where anyone can leave a message for the Association. We have received several contacts from family members who have persons buried in the cemetery. We have a better list of Association members and email addresses from many of you which are receiving this newsletter by email for the first time. For some others we will be sending out a copy of the newsletter by the postal service. We are grateful to all of our contacts and are hopeful we can continue to have our email list grow. During this year we have had a Friends of Whites Chapel Memorial Day presentation and visitation to the cemetery. We are adding photos to the website and have many photos of the tombstones. This is a great site for members living in other areas to see the cemetery and do genealogy research. There are instructions on how to use the site. Please send your feedback as to anything we can do to make it better and if you find a mistake please let us know either by the website contact us page or by sending me an email at [rdhanddsh@gmail.com](mailto:rdhanddsh@gmail.com). I will do my best to get the corrections made. In addition please note the web designer is Allen Smith and he has been donating his time to develop the website. He has spent countless hours adding information and he greatly appreciates both corrective criticism and praise for these hours of his time.

## 2014 ANNUAL CLEANUP

Please put October 18, 2014 on your calendar for the fall cleanup. We need your help in making our cemetery look as good as possible. The Tarrant County Sheriff's Department will supply workers to do the heavy work and the County will provide a dump truck to carry off debris. This is a great opportunity for you to have maintenance done on your family plot. The County has been doing the mowing for us this year and this has helped our pocketbook, however we continue to depend on the County for our annual cleanups to keep our cemetery looking good. Please support this day in any way you can. We will provide water and refreshments for everyone. Show up at 9:00 and plan on staying until 12:00. We understand some of you are getting to an age that it is not possible for you to do manual labor but this is a very good reason for you to come if you can get there. We will have several able bodied men from the Sheriff's Department and they will be assigned to anyone who is there to have work done on their family plots. All you will need to do is tell them what you want done. The County provides tools for the workers so it is up to you to instruct them and that's it. On past cleanups we have had trees pruned, stumps removed and curbs cleaned that were covered with dirt and grass.

## 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There will be no need for a nominating committee this year. All of the existing officers are working on their three year commitment or have volunteered to complete another year of service. At the meeting the membership will be asked if there are any nominations from the floor. At that time, the members present for the meeting will vote to accept the existing officers or persons nominated from the floor. If you wish to nominate someone or yourself, you and the nominee must be present at the meeting to run for the office.

## ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting is set for January 3rd, 2015. The reason we are changing the venue is because the previous meeting place has been sold. This year's meeting will be held at Whites Chapel Methodist Church, 185 S. White Chapel Blvd, Southlake Texas. This is the Adults Education building next to the cemetery. The double doors in the west end of the building will be open and either Roger Hays or Michael McGarry will be there to guide you into our meeting room. This is an important meeting. We will be discussing moving the meeting from November to January. I know everyone is busy but it is important to the Association for as many members to attend so we will have a quorum to discuss these changes to the bylaws. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM and we will keep the meeting as short as possible not to exceed 12:00 PM. If you need directions please call Roger Hays at 817 475-0880.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO CONTRIBUTORS

We would like to thank all the members who contributed to our maintenance fund last year, as this is very important for the upkeep of our cemetery. A special thanks to Wells Fargo Bank and Southlake Christian Church for their 2014 contributions. Southlake Christian Church was first called Pleasant Hill Advent Christian Church. It was established in 1883 with a small group of people meeting in Union Schoolhouse near Grapevine. In 1907 Marion and Lillie White gave the church a piece of land and a building was built. The church was called Whites' Chapel Second Advent Christian Church until 1950 when the name was changed to Pleasant Hill Advent Christian Church. Around 1909 the original building on Brumlow Road was torn down and rebuilt on the Farm to Market Road 1709 location. This is the church grounds where many members of the association remember because it was located directly across from Whites Chapel Cemetery. When 1709 was widened by the State the property was taken and the congregation again moved to the present day location on 1208 Carroll Avenue.

In August 2014 Southlake Christian Church closed its doors as a church and sold its property. Again we thank you for your contribution to our cemetery.

## ANNUAL FUND RAISER AND TOMBSTONE RESTORATION

As you are aware Whites Chapel Cemetery is a non-perpetual care cemetery, family owned and the upkeep done by surviving family members. This means no trust fund for maintenance of your family member's burial space was established at the time of their death. In recent years and present, persons who were buried in the cemetery paid \$200.00 as a burial fee. This payment is made through the funeral home which is handling your family's arrangements. These funds are then forwarded to the Association and per the Association By-laws are deposited in the permanent fund. There is a self addressed envelope enclosed in the Newsletter for those wishing to make a donation. For those of you who are receiving the Newsletter by email, please send your contribution to Whites Chapel Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 92082, Southlake, Texas 76092. As always your contribution is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.

At the 2013 Annual Meeting the membership voted to budget \$3,000.00 to the repair and leveling of tombstones in the cemetery. Currently we have spent \$1,300.00 of these funds and have made repairs and leveled several tombstones. Also we have located persons who were buried in our cemetery in 1984 but never had a tombstone placed until this year. Working with the Veterans Administration, the Sons of the Confederates, and the Southlake Historical Society we have added tombstones to several burial spaces. We have even arranged to have a baby's tombstone which was vandalized in the eighties and thrown in Lake Lewisville returned to its proper location. We are working with Fort Worth Monument Company to have several more completed by the end of the year with this year's budget and will be discussing several other improvements and repairs to tombstones at our annual meeting. Below is a list of restorations which have been made to tombstones. This list includes some that were repaired in 2013;

Sarah & Hezekiah Austin, Sarah Mumm, William & Emma Howard, James Province Millican, Dave Wade, John & Sara Austin, Ola, Dan and Vada Martin, Mary & Lum Martin, Minnie White, Francis L. Morrison, Nancy Jane Austin, John Brady Austin, Howard Wayne Taylor, Mildred Juanita Cagle, Sheldon Austin, J. R. Robertson, Eliau & Vera White, John Bradey Austin Jr, Archie & Rosie Freeman, Effie Jack Cozart, Sousian Wall, Sarah Blevins, Sudy Gladys Blevins, Malvinie Forester, Louis F. Blevins, Ruth & William Madison Lucas, Lillian Gertrude Brooks, John Wesley Lucas, Alva Morrow, Mabel Haney, Lenard Haney, Martin Haney, Jasper & Emily Hardin, Cynthia Harvey, Annie Martin, Velma Lorine Meeks, Liza Allen, Rosie Allen, Robert Allen, Moses Allen, baby Lewis, Charles Eugene Connally, Romona Grace Daugherty, Sarah & George Hogue, Ray & Eunice Finklea, W. G. Carney, C. L. Garrison, Nannie Cox, Sally Bracken & William Jefferson Austin, Mary & Gains Blevins, Richard and Mary Fowler, Mamie & Claude Cook, Micky Ray Mason, W. Brett Mason, Blev Warren, James A. Prince, Infant Daughter of W. L. Prince, A. J. Shuman, Lisa Sheeney, Robert Wilson, Henery Brown, Maude Brown, John Cahill, O. L. & Sarah White, Maude White, Charles & Quitera Thompson, Jessie Wilkinson, George, Lota & William Buffington, Infant Denney, Calvin & Amanda Haire, Mary & I. E. Jameson and Margeret & Jessie Martin.

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